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# OPERATION WOW

Something weird about this page? It's probably part of this week's hidden puzzles. **PLAY:** [redeyechicago.com/wow](http://redeyechicago.com/wow)



# WHO YOU VIBIN'?

Another installment of RedEye's "Who You Vibin'?" online dating contest has come to a close, and the winner is ... David Lee! We put Lee's dater profile along with two other bachelors on RedEye's blog and asked readers to vote on whom they're vibin' the most. It was close, but Lee emerged victorious. So what does he get? We like to think of this as a massive Craigslist ad. If you're interested in getting in touch with Lee, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether Lee responds is up to him. Check out other dater profiles or submit your own at [redeyechicago.com/vibin](http://redeyechicago.com/vibin).

**You know you want me because:** I say what you're thinking.

**This celebrity would make my list:** The vehix.com girl ... or Adriana Lima

**My hobbies are:** Disc golf, kayaking, camping, painting, playing the bongos, sampling tasty beverages

**TV show I never miss:** "Man vs. Wild," "The Office"

**If I were on a reality TV show, it would be called:** "Man vs. Public Transportation."

**My dream Halloween costume would be:** Quailman. Or maybe a Ninja Turtle (Donatello).

**The worst date I've ever been on:** Consisted of a lake, a wave runner and a broken jaw.



## The voters said:

**Nikki:** David Lee for sure, can't go wrong with the adventurous type!  
**ang.z:** Dear Red Eye: I vote for Dave Lee. Love, The Vehix Girl

**Name:** David Lee

**Age:** 24

**Neighborhood:** Wrigleyville

**Contact:** [davidelee1@gmail.com](mailto:davidelee1@gmail.com)

## To support

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## To cha-cha

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## To eat

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President Obama, with government officials, urged the public Tuesday to take steps to prevent infection to fight a potentially deadly swine flu outbreak. GETTY IMAGES

# OBAMA: BE PREPARED

## PRESIDENT TELLS AMERICANS TO GET READY FOR FLU SEASON

### Associated Press

With a potentially deadly swine flu outbreak looming, President Obama is urging Americans to take steps to prevent infection.

Obama was briefed Tuesday on the nation's preparedness for swine flu by senior officials, including Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Homeland Security Janet Napolitano. Following the meeting, Obama said the government is preparing across all levels, but all Americans have a role to play in the response.

"I don't want anybody to be alarmed, but I do want everyone to be prepared," he said.

The global swine flu epidemic first emerged in April, sickening more than 1 million Americans and killing about 500. More than 2,000 people have died worldwide. Health officials are preparing for a surge in cases this fall, and one White House report from a panel of experts suggests up to half the U.S. population could catch swine flu during a pandemic.

Vaccine development is ongoing and is likely to be available by October. The president said the vaccine for swine flu—known as the H1N1 virus—would be voluntary, but said the government will "strongly recommend" that people

### LOCAL OPTION

Chicago-area Walgreens and CVS/pharmacy began offering seasonal flu shots at some locations Tuesday—a month earlier than last year—because the supply was available and the demand was high.



get it.

Certain groups are more vulnerable to swine flu, including children under 2, pregnant women and people with health problems like asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

Like the seasonal flu, swine flu spreads through coughs and sneezes of people who are sick. Obama said there are common-sense precautions people can take to lower their risk of infection, like washing their hands frequently and staying home if they feel sick.

"I know it sounds simple, but it's important and it works," Obama said.

## Brace for 'ice-cold sandwich'

### Associated Press

You might want to check on your sweaters and shovels—the Farmers' Almanac is predicting a very cold winter.

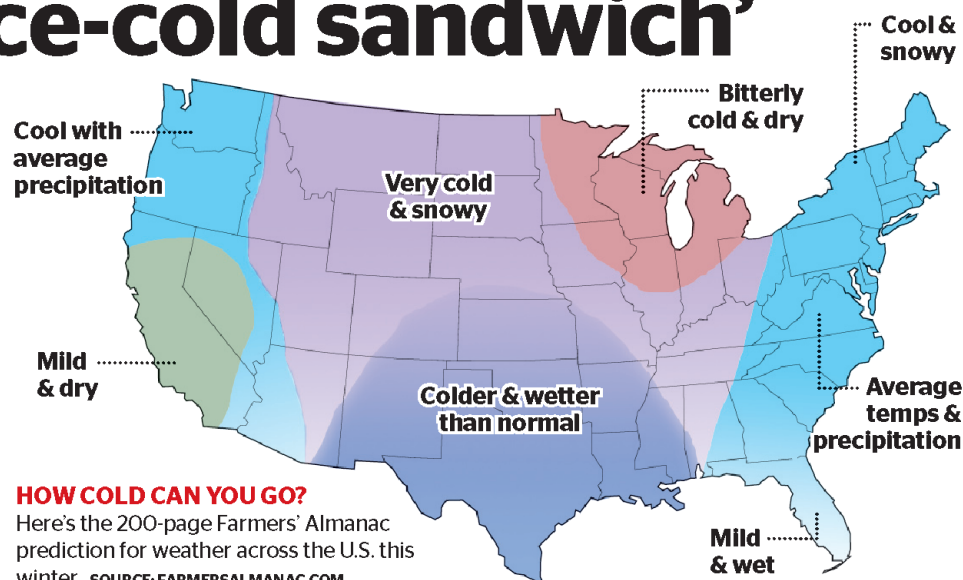
The venerable almanac's 2010 edition, which went on sale Tuesday, says numbing cold will predominate in the country's mid-section, from the Rocky Mountains in the West to the Appalachians in the East.

Managing Editor Sandi Duncan says it's going to be an "ice-cold sandwich."

"We feel the middle part of the country's really going to be cold—very, very cold, very, very frigid, with a lot of snow," she said. "On the East and West coasts, it's going to be a little milder. Not to say it's going to be a mild short winter, but it'll be milder compared to the middle of the country."

The almanac, which has been published since 1818, issues annual forecasts using a formula based on sunspots, planetary positions and the effects of the moon.

The almanac's forecast, however, is at odds with the National Weather Service, which is calling for warmer-than-normal temperatures



### HOW COLD CAN YOU GO?

Here's the 200-page Farmers' Almanac prediction for weather across the U.S. this winter. SOURCE: FARMERSALMANAC.COM

across much of the country because of an El Nino system in the tropical Pacific Ocean, said Mike Halpert, deputy director of the NOAA Climate Prediction Center in Camp Springs, Md.

"The stronger El Nino becomes, the more confident and the more likely it will be the northern part of the country will have a mild-

er-than-average winter," Halpert said.

The almanac and the Weather Service agree on their predictions of warmer-than-usual conditions across next summer.

The Farmers' Almanac, not to be confused with the New Hampshire-based Old Farmer's Almanac, has a circulation of about 3.5 million.

## Moving day at the space station

### Associated Press

It was moving and spacewalking day in orbit.

On Tuesday afternoon, some of the 13 astronauts at the linked shuttle and station were set to begin unloading tons of equipment and experiments that were delivered by Discovery. The gear is inside a huge closet-like chamber that was attached to the space station Monday. One of the first items to come out is a treadmill named after Comedy Central's Stephen Colbert.

Right around the same time, two of the crew are set to step out on the first spacewalk of the mission.

The space station's newest resident, Nicole Stott, was expected to conduct the spacewalk with Danny Olivas. Together, they were supposed to remove an old ammonia tank. A new, fully loaded tank will be installed on the second spacewalk Thursday.



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## Sweet home, Chicago

Have you ever hung out in Washington, D.C.?

I just got back from a trip there, and every time I visit our nation's capital it strikes me that the young people who've chosen to live and work there are just out of their minds.

You know who I'm talking about because you went to college with them too. They were all in student government or worked on the school newspaper—and now they're in D.C. already running for the Senate.

Every party or bar I found myself in, every person I met, every conversation I had, I felt like I was being forcibly networked, social-climbed and scrutinized for potential campaign contributions at a later date.

I had to very carefully avoid spilling the fact that I write for print and online media because I will have 27 new Facebook friends the next day, most of whom have profiles that were clearly tested in a focus group ("I love friends, heterosexuality and non-denominational religion!").

The business cards pop out like they've been waiting in unstrapped holsters.

Why do I want your card, Mr. Congressional Aide to Alabama Representative Robert B. Aderholt? What exactly am I supposed to do with this? How are we going to "scratch each other's backs" or give a "tit for a tat" or serve "doughnut holes at my party and pigs-in-a-blanket at yours?" (That's a D.C. saying, right?)

What I'm saying is that D.C. is a freakish place, and it scares me. The level of personal ambition there is out of control.

You can't buy a drink without being accosted about what you do, and chances are the person who's accosting you is a lobbyist. I'm not kidding about this: Everyone who doesn't work for a politician works for a lobbyist, and these lobbyists never have any clearly defined goals.

"I work for Shreveport and Associates," someone will tell you. "It's a bipartisan lobbying firm that represents ostrich farmers, logging companies, Batman aficionados, aerospace firms and the children's game 'duck, duck, goose.'"

That's why I love the Midwest and Chicago.

Because in Chicago, all we care about is what beer you're ordering next and which Big Ten football team you think sucks the most (I make the case for Michigan).

Also, we don't wear ties to bars. Everyone in D.C. goes to bars like they're about to walk into a Senate confirmation hearing. In Chicago, if you wear a tie to a bar, there is a 98 percent chance you will get buffalo wing sauce on it.

That's why I'm so glad to be home. Now, if anyone feels like networking, I'll totally bring the pigs-in-the-blanket to my party for non-denominational religion. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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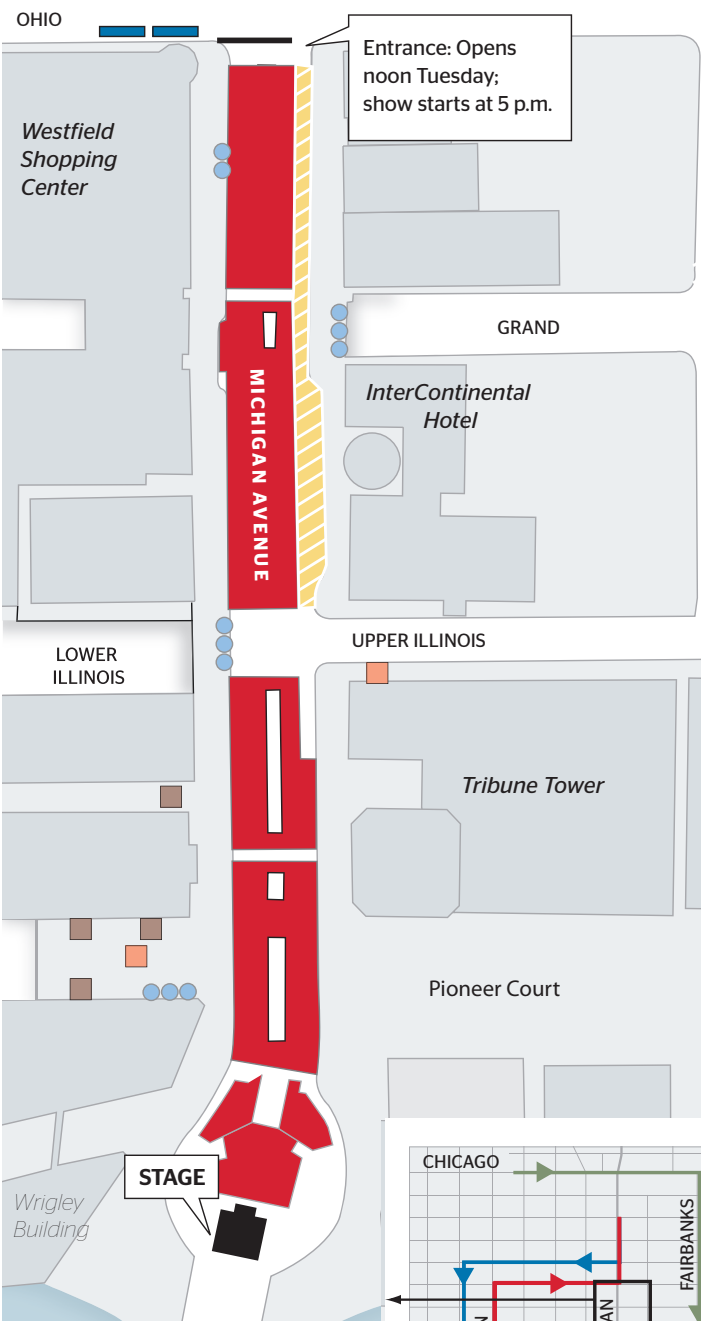
## She's taking over

Oprah Winfrey will kick off her 24th season by hosting a show on Michigan Avenue next week.

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- Cooling bus

**Streets:** Michigan Avenue will be closed starting at 12:01 a.m. Monday from Ohio Street to Wacker Drive

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### CTA bus reroutes

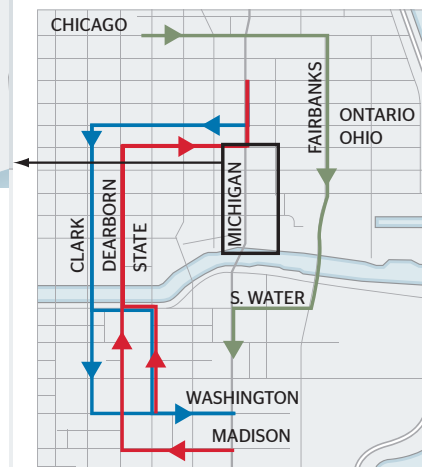
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# DAYTIME GAWK SHOW

## Reaction mixed as Oprah taping gears up to take over Mag Mile

### Chicago Tribune

Chicago has long known how far Oprah Winfrey's star power reaches.

Now the popular talk show host has won city approval to shut down a significant stretch of the Magnificent Mile next week for the kickoff of her 24th season.

Plans call for Michigan Avenue to be closed to vehicular traffic from Wacker Drive to Ohio Street for more than two days—from 12:01 a.m. Monday to 5 a.m. Wednesday.

The hour-long show will be taped at 5 p.m. Tuesday at a temporary stage to be built near the Michigan Avenue Bridge. The taping is free and open to the public.

Shoppers and businesses along the bustling Mag Mile wondered Tuesday how Oprah pulled off closing the world-famous street for so long?

"That ain't right," said Dar Gable, 63, of Hyde Park. "I want to shut the place down for three days."

Edward Parsons, director of Hilligoss Galleries, which is on the stretch that will be closed for Oprah's taping, echoed those concerns.

"All things aside, she's just a celebrity," Parsons said. With his gallery's paintings going for an average price of about \$25,000, he doubted the attraction will draw any business.

But just mention Oprah's name to several others and their faces light up.

"Everybody wants to go see Oprah, right?" asked a beaming Jana Elmore, 29, of Lincoln Square.

If not for the stars Oprah attracts to Chicago, fans love her for her giveaways, Elmore said. The talk show host has on occasion treated guests with lavish gifts, including cars.

Marco Trevino, assistant manager at a Gap clothing

### WHEN CAN YOU WATCH?

Oprah's kickoff party will air on Sept. 10. Spokeswoman Angela DePaul wouldn't give away any hints at guests or topics other than the musical guest: the hip-hop group Black Eyed Peas.

store that will be in the footprint of Oprah's taping, said he anticipates the store will be busier than usual thanks to the powerful celeb.

"Thus far we're ecstatic," said Trevino, thankful a reporter confirmed what he thought was gossip all day.

But what might be great for pedestrians—Michigan Avenue with no cars!—could wreak havoc for drivers and public transit riders.

The Chicago Transit Authority plans to temporarily change 15 bus routes. Commuters should use alternative routes such as Lake Shore Drive. Traffic aides and message boards also will direct motorists.

Mayor Daley said any inconvenience is worth it and that motorists and commuters would understand.

Daley called Oprah's taping great publicity for the city and an event that will create jobs. The show will reimburse Chicago for any costs incurred, he said.

But cab driver Maxwell Anokye, who zips up and down Michigan Avenue six days a week to earn a living, begged to disagree.

"It's not a good idea," said Anokye, 45, a resident of Rogers Park who was upset he'll have to find a new route.

Last year, Oprah kicked off her new season at Millennium Park. But Michigan Avenue usually isn't closed off except for a few hours for the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival the weekend before Thanksgiving,





Oprah talks to reporters in Chicago in April.

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## Oprah's on

We asked RedEye's Twitter followers what they thought about all the hubbub surrounding Oprah Winfrey's downtown taping next week. Here's what they said. Follow us at [twitter.com/redeyechicago](https://twitter.com/redeyechicago).

**@r\_holland** I don't mind at all so long as we each get a new car!

**@MarieBrighton** Oprah who?! I think it's the Black Eyed Peas who say "Let's paint the town, we'll shut it down."

**@caratweets** I might understand or care if it was for something cool. Black Eyed Peas? The eloquent wordsmiths of BOOM BOOM POW? No.

**@GoodyGoody** I don't have a problem with The O shutting it down. She has contributed greatly to this city in more ways than one.

**@jalant** I live on Michigan Ave-DON'T EVEN girlfriend, OH SNAP!! (unless I get to be a part of it):P

**@eolson426** Forget Mayor Daley - it's clear that Oprah runs this city.

**@JFranRam** Hey as far as I know, Oprah is God, so if she feels like parting the Mag Mile, by all means.

**@cwardzala** I think it's insane. She needs to be stopped!



## 'I wish we could do this every day'

### Chicago Tribune

Mayor Daley on Tuesday said closing a three-block stretch of Michigan Avenue for two days next week for Oprah Winfrey's show will be a great public relations boost for the city.

Daley said the talk show host will reimburse the city for the costs of the show, which will shut down Michigan Avenue between Ohio Street and Wacker Drive from 12:01 a.m. Monday, Labor Day, until 5 a.m. Wednesday.

"This is a great thing we're doing; I wish we could do this every day in the city of Chicago," Daley said at an unrelated event Tuesday morning.

Daley said the taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" will help create jobs and bring worldwide publicity to the city.



Daley

"She's an icon for the industry. Take New York City, Los Angeles, take all of them for the filming industry. They do this every day, unfortunately," Daley said.

Asked by reporters about the inconvenience to downtown motorists, Daley said it's worth it.

"I think they'll understand how important this is dealing with jobs, dealing with international exposure. ... This is a great opportunity," Daley said.

The event, a kickoff for the 24th season of "The Oprah Winfrey Show," will tape Tuesday on Michigan Avenue and will be open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis, according to show officials. Daley echoed the invite.

"It's filming," said Daley. "It's open to all ages."

though Chicago Film Office Director Rich Moskal insisted the thoroughfare has been closed for more extended periods for film productions.

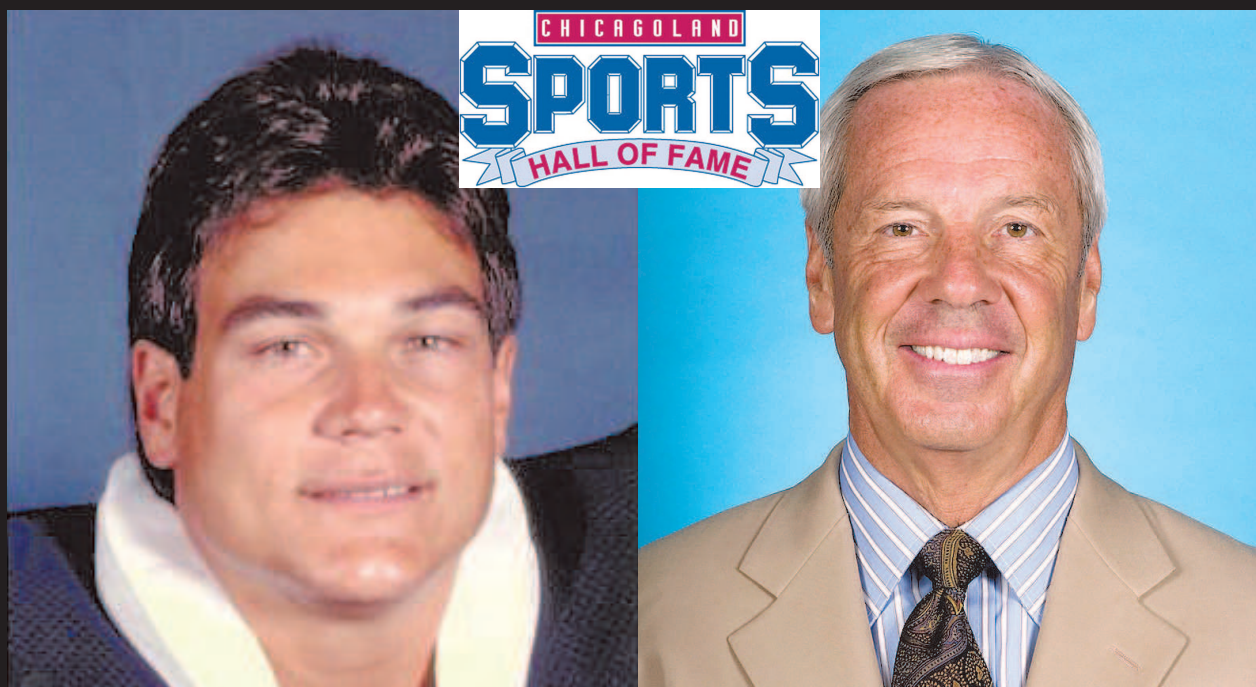
A private security team will guard closed-off Michigan Avenue while Chicago police—paid by the show—will secure the streets outside the venue, said Megan McDonald, executive director of the Mayor's Office of Special Events.

Oprah already is getting a local publicity boost. On a dreary Aug. 19 night, lights in the office windows of CNA Financial Corp. were strategically lit to spell out "Oprah 9-14" and a photo was snapped. That photo, with Buckingham Fountain in the foreground, is displayed on the show's Facebook page to advertise the show's premiere date.

"When [Oprah] asked us to be part of her promotion, it seemed like the right thing to do," CNA spokeswoman Katrina Parker said. "We're icons in our own right."



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## Ordinances are outlined ahead of Olympic decision

### Chicago Tribune

With little more than a month until the International Olympic Committee decides whether Chicago will get the 2016 Summer Games, aldermen and the Daley administration unveiled new ordinances Tuesday that they say would provide greater oversight should the city's bid prevail.

Ald. Manuel Flores (1st) held a news conference to pitch a measure that would empower the city's inspector general to monitor the Olympic committee if Chicago hosts the Games. Separately, Mayor Daley's administration intro-

duced a plan to let two aldermen sit on the organizing committee if Chicago wins its 2016 bid.

The proposal by Flores and other aldermen also requires Olympic committee employees who earn at least \$50,000 a year to file financial disclosure statements that will be public information. Chicago 2016 does not currently release statements their employees submit.

The proposal from Flores and three other aldermen includes many of the same provisions also in an ordinance that Mayor Daley's administration introduced Tuesday. Flores said the mayor's ordinance "does not go far enough."

"Our ordinance is the better ordinance," Flores said.

The mayoral ordinance would see Aids. Edward Burke and Carrie Austin be the City Council's representatives on the organizing committee that will plan and run the Games, according to a draft ordinance reviewed by the Tribune.

Bid leaders have been battling criticism that they have lacked openness all summer. After Daley and Bid Chairman Patrick Ryan did an about-face in June, agreeing to accept full financial responsibility for the Games, several alder-

men said they were reconsidering their support for the Olympics. But after a series of meetings with Ryan's team, many aldermen have said they are likely to support the bid.

For Flores, the new Olympics oversight proposal marked a retreat from his previous support of a plan to cap the city's liability for Olympic losses at \$500 million.

Daley recently said he would sign the International Olympic Committee's host city contract, which would require the city to assume liability for any losses. All bid cities must sign the contract, IOC officials have said.

## County sales tax rollback vote fails

### Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners couldn't make their rollback of the county's controversial sales tax stick Tuesday, failing by one vote to override Board President Todd Stroger's veto of their attempted tax cut.

That means the county sales tax rate remains at 1.75 percent, despite a majority of the county board wanting to reduce it to 1.25 percent.

Tax-cut backers needed 14 of 17 commissioners to override Stroger's veto. The vote was 13-4.

Commissioner Deborah Sims (D-Chicago), who had been part of the tenuous coalition supporting a rollback, chose to support Stroger and sustain the veto. In July, Sims voted to roll back the sales tax increase, but Tuesday she switched positions and voted in favor.

Before the vote, Stroger said cutting the sales-tax rate would send the county into the red.

Sims said she voted against the tax rollback because there were many unanswered questions about what slashing the sales tax would mean.

Commissioners voting to overturn the veto argued the tax was a burden on taxpayers.

Since the county sales-tax hike of a penny-on-the-dollar was approved in late February 2008, Stroger has remained the target of intense criticism but held fast that it's needed to prevent decimation of the county's vast public health system. He has vetoed three different attempts to repeal or cut the sales-tax hike.

"It will make very little difference to most consumers," Stroger said Tuesday, accusing rollback supporters of being dishonest with constituents. "It will devastate our public-health system."



## A little ice time

Blackhawks head coach Joel Quenneville adds some black paint Tuesday to the Blackhawks logo at the United Center. The lines and logo were painted on the skating surface Tuesday for the upcoming season. PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE



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# Police find decomposed body in South Side home

Chicago police Tuesday discovered the decomposed body of an 87-year-old woman after an 81-year-old man initially refused to allow city officials inside an Englewood home, police said.

An autopsy is scheduled for Wednesday to determine the cause of death for Anna Posenhofer of the 7000 block of South Carpenter Street, said a spokesman for the Cook County medical examiner's office. The spokesman said it was unclear how long the woman had been dead.

Chicago police were called to the home by officials of the city's Department of Family and Support Services who were conducting a well-being check about 7:30 a.m. for the 81-year-old man who lived at the home, said Chicago Police News Affairs Officer Robert Perez.

The man had refused to let the city workers inside, Perez said. When police arrived, neighbors told them an elderly man and woman lived in the home but that they had not seen the woman for "quite some time," Perez said.

The man finally allowed police inside, and officers found the body of the woman in a bedroom.

Lois Henry, 75, said the last time she saw the woman was about seven or eight years ago. She said when she and her grandchildren asked the woman's brother about her, the man kept quiet and never answered.

"We talked about where was she and why she didn't come out. But her brother wouldn't let nobody in," said Henry. "He would never answer."

Henry said the brother is a very quiet man who never associated with anyone in the neighborhood. She said that even when postal workers dropped off packages at their home, the man would refuse to open the door and wait until they left before retrieving the packages or mail.

"It is strange and kind of scary," said Henry of the discovery earlier Tuesday.

## Man arrested at courthouse

An Evergreen Park man was arrested Monday for allegedly attempting to bring weapons concealed in his belt into the Daley Center. Jamie Busk, 38, was stopped by a deputy after going through an X-ray machine because the deputy noticed several metal objects that appeared to be inside Busk's belt, police said. The deputy found a zippered compartment that contained a pocket knife with a 2-inch blade, a handcuff key and a multi-tool. Busk told the deputy he "wore the wrong belt today."

## Red Line train hits woman

A woman was reported killed Tuesday night when she was struck by a CTA subway train in the Near North neighborhood. The victim was found on the southbound tracks near the Red Line's Grand station at about 8:55 p.m., police and fire officials said. First responders had said the victim was a man, but later corrected themselves. Power was cut to the southbound tracks and service moved to the Loop elevated tracks between Fullerton and Cermak-Chinatown stops.

## Dog rescued from river

Chicago Fire Department divers Tuesday pulled a German shepherd from the North Branch of the Chicago River. The rescue took place near the 1400 block of West Cortland Street, north of Goose Island. The dog was described as a large white German shepherd.

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American Airlines announced Tuesday it is cutting 921 flight attendant jobs, including 228 employees that will be furloughed—laid off but with rehiring rights. Of those 228, 67 will be at O'Hare.



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## For sale: Madoff home

**1** The U.S. Marshals Service, which seized Bernie Madoff's property on Long Island on July 1, will put the 3,014-square-foot beach getaway on the market this week as part of an ongoing effort to pay back investors burned by Madoff's epic fraud.

## Fires continue to grow

**2** Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers across a huge swath of Southern California forest on Tuesday to try to contain a 190-square-mile wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more near L.A.

## Delivery to Cuba?

**3** Diplomats say the U.S. and Cuba plan to start talks on resuming long-suspended direct mail service this month as the Obama administration continues to try to engage the communist island.

## He said shut up!

**4** A judge in Canton, Ohio, unhappy with repeated interruptions from a robbery suspect, ordered a deputy to put duct tape over the defendant's mouth.

## Celebration in Libya

**5** In Tripoli on Tuesday, Libya celebrated the 40th anniversary of the coup that brought Col. Moammar Gadhafi to power with a parade, lavish dance spectacles and fighter jets streaking overhead.

## Dalai Lama leads prayers

**6** The Dalai Lama led thousands of Taiwanese in the city of Kaohsiung in a colorful prayer service for the survivors of Typhoon Morakot on Tuesday during a visit that has provoked an irritated but relatively measured response from China.

## Gmail service down

Google's Gmail was knocked offline Tuesday in a severe outage that the company said affected a "majority" of users. It wasn't immediately clear what caused the disruption, which led Gmail users to get an "Unable to reach Gmail" error message.



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**21 (147)**

Chanel (above), a wire-haired dachshund that held the record as the world's oldest dog, has died at age 21—or 147 in dog years. She died Friday of natural causes at her owners' home in Port Jefferson Station, N.Y.



Bill Slimback (left) and Bob Sullivan exchange rings during their midnight wedding ceremony at Moose Meadow Lodge in Waterbury, Vt. AP

# Gay marriages begin in Vermont

**7 DUXBURY, Vt.** After 17 years together, Bill Slimback and Bob Sullivan couldn't wait another minute to get married. So they didn't.

With Vermont's new law allowing same-sex marriage only a minute old, they tied the knot in a midnight ceremony at a rustic lodge, becoming one of the first couples to legally wed under a law that took effect at midnight Monday.

Dressed in suits, the two Whitehall, N.Y., men promised their love, exchanged rings and held hands during the ceremony. Moose Meadow Lodge co-owner Greg Trulson, who's also a Justice of the Peace, presided.

"It feels wonderful," said Slimback, 38, an out-of-work Teamster who is taking Sullivan's last name as his own. "It's a day I've been long waiting for, and a day I truly

## ELSEWHERE

Vermont is one of four states that now allow same-sex couples to marry. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Iowa are the others. New Hampshire's law takes effect Jan. 1, 2010.

honestly thought would never come."

Slimback said he and Sullivan, 41, have long wanted to cement their relationship with a wedding, but since they couldn't legally marry in New York they chose to wed even before Vermont's gay marriage era officially dawned.

Vermont, which invented civil unions in 2000 after a same-sex couple challenged the inequality of state marriage statutes, was a mecca for gay couples who had no way to officially recognize their relationships.







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John Bucklar in his University of Illinois-themed room.  
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## Could Big Ten bowl be held at Yankee Stadium?

### Chicago Tribune

The Big Ten is poised to make a meaningful bowl swap, replacing the Alamo with the Gator in its lineup.

But an even more intriguing possibility lurks. The Tribune has learned Big Ten officials have met with Yankee Stadium representatives to discuss a bowl game that would be played at the so-called "House that George Built."

"It's an interesting concept," said Big Ten

Associate Commissioner Mark Rudner. "It's compelling."

Rudner cautioned that any bowl game at Yankee Stadium would not occur during the four-year cycle that will begin after the 2010 regular season. The NCAA has yet to certify Yankee Stadium, and the Big Ten is far along in negotiations with other bowls.

But Yankee Stadium officials made a solid case with athletic directors during spring meetings in Chicago. One scenario would

have a Big Ten team face a Big East opponent.

"Our ADs are very interested in learning more," Rudner said, "but there needs to be more study."

In addition, Northwestern is talking to officials in the Bronx about playing a regular-season game at Yankee Stadium. Wildcats athletic director Jim Phillips said it's something the school will "actively pursue."

The Yankees and Northwestern have

two connections: Manager Joe Girardi is a proud alum and Yankees owner George Steinbrenner worked as an assistant coach in Evanston in 1955. Both have been involved in the discussions, Phillips said.

"Mr. Steinbrenner very much would like this to happen," Phillips added.

Phillips' top priority remains creating a regular-season game at Wrigley Field in either November 2010 (vs. Iowa or Illinois) or November 2011 (vs. Michigan or Rice).



# GAME ON

## AS COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON NEARS, GRADUATES RENEW GAME-DAY TRADITIONS

John Bucklar loves his alma mater. And he has the shoes to prove it. Two words are carefully stitched on his pair of orange-and-blue Nike iD shoes: Captain Illini. “Yep, that’s the nickname I’ve been stuck with for a while now,” Bucklar said. Bill Clinton was president and Kurt Cobain sang for Nirvana when the 35-year-old accounts consultant from Bucktown was in college. But 13 years after graduation, the Fighting Illini still bring out his inner-frat boy.

**By Ryan Smith**  
FOR REDEYE



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2:40 p.m. Saturday, ESPN



**Northern Illinois at Wisconsin**  
6 p.m. Saturday, Big Ten Network



***What can I say, I love it. I love the university, and I love their sports, and I wear it on my sleeve. Sometimes literally.***

**JOHN BUCKLAR** Illinois alumnus



Martez Wilson celebrates in the student section after Illinois defeated Wisconsin in 2007. **AP FILE**

alumni watch parties and events.

“We’re completely packed with people wearing purple and white for away games especially,” Kerbis said.

Bucklar e-mails 40 or 50 of his friends in Chicago to organize watch parties at Sedgwick’s, a University of Illinois-aligned bar in Lincoln Park.

“I still try to rally the troops, even if our numbers have thinned out a bit over the years,” Bucklar said. “It’s a good way to get together and show your passion for our alma mater.”

“The Nation,” as Bucklar calls Illini fans, come to Sedgwick’s to get an experience meant to resemble a campus bar in Champaign.

They dress in orange and blue and chant the fight songs during timeouts.

U. of I. grad Ashley Meacham of North Center still gets so nervous when the Illini play that she has trouble eating and staying calm.

The 25-year-old accountant plans to drive to St. Louis on Saturday to watch the Illini take on Missouri. She predicts she will likely lose her voice by the end of the game.

“It happens a lot,” said Meacham, whose brother, Trent, played shooting guard for the Illinois basketball team from 2006 to 2009.

Northwestern grad John Cerasani can’t recreate his college days at Northwestern football games—mainly because he used to line up as a player.

But Cerasani, of Old Town, who started at tight end for the Wildcats from 1997 to 1999, still wears his letterman jacket to games.

“I’m 32 now, so I can cheer in the stands like a normal person, but I still take losing very personally,” Cerasani said.

Cerasani, who owns a corporate consulting firm, also serves on the board of the Northwestern Gridiron Network and organizes road trips and tailgating activities with his friends for each of the school’s football games.

“I like to stay very connected to the school because it had such a positive impact on my life, not just because I played football but because of the type of education I got,” Cerasani said.

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When he treks to Champaign for the occasional game, Bucklar wears the team colors and leaves Chicago early so he has time to hit his favorite campus bars and tailgates with friends—much as he might have when he was a student.

“What can I say, I love it. I love the university, and I love their sports, and I wear it on my sleeve,” Bucklar said. “Sometimes literally.”

It’s not hard to find college sports fans in Chicago, but some continue to carry on the same traditions in adulthood as they did in school. These fans take this week’s kickoff of the college football season seriously.

Take Tim Barrett, for instance. The 31-year-old graphic designer from Lakeview loves the University of Colorado so much, he tattooed the school logo—a black buffalo with the letters “C” and “U” on top—on his calf.

Though Barrett hasn’t attended classes or lived in Boulder for more than a decade, he makes it a point to road trip there with friends for a couple of football games a season.

“It’s a real long drive from Chicago, sure, but it’s worth it just to be back there and relive some of the best times of my life,” Barrett said.

Reliving those times means sitting in the student section, wearing all-black clothes during the designated “blackout” games and drinking beer.

The one tradition of which Barrett has finally let go? Running the Nearly Naked Mile, which features students stripping down to their undies and donating the discarded clothes to charity.

“I don’t want to run or let anyone see me in my underwear anymore,” Barrett said.

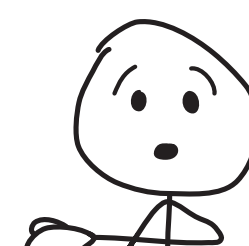
Superfans who want to recreate a campus bar-like experience have plenty of places to go in the city.

According to Josh Kerbis, a manager at Lion Head Pub in Lincoln Park, about 90 percent of sports bars in Chicago align themselves with a college. Lion Head is the bar of choice for Northwestern



## Ol' college try

Jen Patterson is on CSN's "Monsters in the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is online 24-7 at [chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own](http://chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own).



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<b>1</b> What college football game-day traditions do you still undergo during the season?	Counting down until basketball season (I know my fellow IU alums feel me).	Undergo? More like go-under. Tim Tebow, that is.	Waving my foam finger.	I kiss a tiger for the University of Missouri. It's not the most safe tradition.	When I get to college one day, I'll be the first to do a milkshake keg stand.
<b>2</b> Ozzie Guillen doesn't like the Metrodome or Wrigley. What stadium does he like?	I bet he'd like the Cell if a less-crapacular team played there.	Progressive Field: A ballpark to match his viewpoints, which may earn him more Cell time.	Estadio Polideportivo de Pueblo Nuevo.	Whatever stadium he can win at that day. Which is few these days.	The one on his Xbox. There he can control everything.
<b>3</b> Why did Ozzie shave off his trademark goatee?	I just assumed lice.	He hates beards and people who sport them.	To be clean-shaven like Jim Thome—a tribute to the future Hall of Fame slugger's departure to L.A.	He's going for whatever is the opposite of a playoff beard.	He was scaring the neighborhood kids. And me too.
<b>4</b> Why doesn't the NFL want players using Twitter during games?	Beats me—the fans frequently have better offensive game plans than the Bears do.	Because the @ symbol is reserved for Ozzie. As is the "!" and "*."	They want to take the secret squirrel approach.	I can see T.O. tweeting negative comments about his team's play-calling while in the huddle. "Don't run, PASS to me!"	They don't have room for laptops on the playing field.
<b>5</b> Who's No. 1 in your fantasy draft?	Rob Pattinson. What? Oh ... FOOTBALL fantasy draft ... Maurice Jones-Drew.	SwartzCenter likes Phillip Rivers for a fantasy Blue Moon.	I threw in the white towel after Plaxico Burress pleaded guilty.	Brett Favre. I kid, I kid. His much younger teammate Adrian Peterson.	Papa Smurf.

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Lou: Blame me—again**

Lou Piniella was asked Tuesday if he was satisfied with the way he has managed this season.

"I've managed the same way," he said. "I've said if you want to blame somebody, blame me for the whole thing. I've said it before and I'll say it again."

**MINNESOTA 4, WHITE SOX 3  
Bye, Thome; Hello, Flowers**

Tyler Flowers took over Jim Thome's locker. The Sox catcher of the future lived up to his billing by hitting a combined .297 with 15 home runs and 108 RBIs at Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte.

Flowers was selected as the best defensive catcher in a poll of Southern League managers conducted by Baseball America.

» Carlos Torres will start Thursday for the Sox against the Cubs at Wrigley Field, pitching coach Don Cooper said.



Brandon Rideau tries to break away from New York Giants tacklers after making a catch in a preseason game.

CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE

# Ready to catch a break

Brandon Rideau sat quietly on the team bus Sunday night, absorbing words of encouragement:

"I think you're in a good situation. I still feel like you're holding down your spot. You didn't do anything to lose the position you had. Just keep going. Come out and ball against Cleveland."

If the pep talk had come from General Manager Jerry Angelo, coach Lovie Smith or receivers coach Darryl Drake, maybe the Bears receiver would be more confident of his status leading into Saturday's cut-down day. But the conversation was with his father, Alfred, after Sunday night's 27-17 victory in Denver.

**BEARS SIGN HOOD**

The Bears, as expected, signed veteran cornerback Rod Hood to a one-year contract Tuesday. To make room for Hood, the Bears waived receiver Derek Kinder, a rookie seventh-round pick from Pittsburgh.

"He likes to talk to make me feel comfortable," Rideau said of his father. "He makes me focus on what's ahead of me, not what's behind."

In Rideau's rearview mirror are four appearances on the waiver wire after the Bears and Browns each cut him twice. As

those two teams prepare for Thursday night's final exhibition at Soldier Field, Rideau is bracing for the worst yet expecting the best.

The Bears are likely to keep five, maybe six, receivers on the 53-man roster. Devin Hester and Earl Bennett are locks. Rideau is in the next group along with Rashied Davis and Devin Aromashodu. Then there are rookie draft picks Juan Iglesias and Johnny Knox.

Because the Bears are unlikely to give up on those two, that leaves two spots at most for Davis, Aromashodu and Rideau. Davis could have an advantage because of his play on special teams.



» Dinara Safina overcame a long, mistake-filled display of tennis Tuesday to barely avoid becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open.

» It's a girl for Annika Sorenstam. The Hall of Fame golfer wrote in her blog that Ava Madelyn McGee was born Tuesday morning.

» The Blackhawks announced Tuesday that training camp in preparation for the 2009-10 NHL season will begin Sept. 13.

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I'm scared for exiting White Sox pitcher Jose Contreras as he heads to Colorado. Considering how he's pitched recently, I'm not sure he'll be able to find home there.

Here now, my TV picks.

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1:20 p.m. CSN

Houston's gaining on the Cubs as the season winds down. Or, should I say, the Cubs are fading.

**White Sox at Minnesota**

12:10 p.m. WGN

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# 9 new bars

Take a look at the latest nightlife additions

By Lisa Arnett

Proffering everything from burgers to champagne (and in spite of the cooling weather, even a few rockin' patios), these recently opened bars and lounges are rounding out the summer season on a high note.

## The Countdown

WHAT'S COMING IN SEPTEMBER

**WEEK OF SEPT. 8 (SOFT OPENING); OCT. 1 (GRAND OPENING)**

### Bar Novo

Too crowded at Roof? Seek reprieve across State Street in the Renaissance Hotel's revamped bar.

**SEPT. 18**

### Beckett's Public House

The owners of Wilde are behind this sibling pub in West Lakeview.

**MID-SEPTEMBER**

### Red Brick

A casual bar serving up pizza and pasta is setting up camp next to the Globe.

**LATE SEPTEMBER OR**

**EARLY OCTOBER**

### Double A

This small but slick cocktail lounge resides below New York import Mercado.

**SEPTEMBER**

### Sweetwater

The owners of the Boundary descend on Michigan Avenue with this spacious bar and grill.

**LATE SEPTEMBER**

### Bernard's Bar

A masculine drinking den on the second floor of the Elysian Hotel.

### Tantrik

Kama Sutra-themed club and entertainment venue in River West.

## New on the Scene: bars

### Old Town Social

455 W. North Ave. 312-266-2277

The latest bar to hit Old Town comes from two local nightlife names: Chris Freeman (a former partner in the Four Corners Tavern Group, which includes Kirkwood and Westend) and Chris Dexter (a former partner at Stone Lotus and since-closed spots such as Del Toro). The antique-chic look and classics-with-a-twist approach to cocktails reminds us of Bar DeVille, but this bar and eatery feels much more grand thanks to multiple bars and a lofty ceiling crisscrossed with wooden beams. Forget your usual midnight munchies; the late-night menu here consists of cheese and charcuterie.

### Rockwood Place

3466 N. Clark St. 773-880-2222

Retro bar The Central in Wrigleyville has reopened as the Southern-inspired Rockwood Place. Though the Eat Well. Drink Better. crew (also owners of English, LaSalle Power Co. and others) has done away with the red vinyl banquettes and brought in a small stage for live band karaoke and the occasional cover band, they left the \$10 weekend brunch buffet intact.

### Rocky's

234 W. 31st St. 312-842-9200

Bridgeport has its share of stalwarts, but the newest option for cheering on the Sox on their home turf is this sports bar named after a co-owner's pet bull mastiff. Located north of the Cell, the main attraction here is the backyard beer garden, filled with umbrella-topped picnic tables.



### Clutch

459 N. Ogden Ave. 312-526-3450

Two garage doors opening onto the triangular-shaped patio at this casual bar—a nod to the building's original uses as a gas station and auto detail shop—means it's just as breezy to sit inside as outside. The auto references range from covert (four taps fitted into a vintage gas pump behind the bar) to can't-miss (plenty of car-speak on the menu). The drinks are simple and the eats are too (nachos, cheese fries, a very cheesy cheeseburger), but don't get too excited when you see the deep-fried hot dog on the menu; it's not available quite yet.

### Cuvee

308 W. Erie St. 312-202-9221

The owners of River North's Enclave are behind this new ultra-lounge, which opened on weekend nights only last month and adds Wednesday night to its lineup starting tonight. Enter through the back alley and dress to impress, as it's up to the doorman who gets in (save for those who have requested a private party or bottle service through the lounge's Web site). As the name hints, a menu of sparkling wines and champagne cocktails gets the party started.

### MORE BURGERS & BEER

»» When the weather cooperates, **Division Street Bar & Grill** (2525 W. Division St. 773-252-2233) opens its front windows onto Humboldt Park's Paseo Boricua. Fill up on 10-ounce angus burgers named after local streets, such as the California Avenue burger with Swiss cheese, mushrooms and onions.

»» Wrigleyville's Purgatory Pizza has relaunched as **Park Ave.** (3415 N. Clark St. 773-975-6677), serving up burgers named after neighborhoods, from the foie gras butter-slathered Lincoln Park to the grilled apple-topped Wicker Park. Celebrate the switch with \$3 Goose Island 312 drafts and \$4 Jack Daniel's cocktails at a grand opening bash this Friday at 10 p.m.

»» Like your burger and beer with a side of pinball? Check out our reviews of recently opened neighborhood hangs the **Bad Apple** (4300 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-360-8406) and the **Rocking Horse** (2535 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-486-0011) on [metromix.com](http://metromix.com).

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## best bets

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### Chicago SummerDance

Washington Park, 5531 S. King Drive. 312-742-4007.

Save the last

SummerDance for the Occidental Brothers Dance Band International (7 p.m.), playing the final concert in the series. Warm up your hips with an hourlong African dance lesson (6 p.m.).

### Fishbowl Fest

Uncle Fatty's Rum Resort, 2833 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-477-3661.

Labor pains take a back seat to booze at this Lakeview hang through Sunday, when 32-ounce fishbowl cocktails (\$15) are on sale for \$6-\$10. Party extras include karaoke and cover bands. 6 p.m. Cover varies.

FREE

### Movie premiere

Pritzker Pavilion, 201 E. Randolph St. 312-742-1168.

Take a closer look at the life and legacy of the man behind the monumental 1909 Plan of Chicago with a screening of the new documentary, "Make No Little Plans: Daniel Burnham and the American City." 7:30 p.m.

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### Riot Comedy

Chicago Joe's, 2256 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-7000.

Get dinner with a side of laughs as Renee Schultz hosts local comedians Adam Burke, Mike Stanley and others. Specials include \$2 PBRs and Miller Lites and \$4 cheeseburgers with fries. 9:30 p.m. \$4-\$8.

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### Chicago Luxury Ice Cream Festival

Peggy Notebaert Nature

Museum, 2430 N. Cannon Drive. 773-755-5100.

Hatched with, perhaps, warmer temperatures in mind, this new indoor-outdoor fest licks the competition with creations from 15 pastry chefs and creameries, plus beer and wine. 7 p.m. \$25.

### The Interview Show

Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

Humorist Mark Bazer offers a seat to actor Joey Slotnick, novelist Claire Zulkey and Hot Doug's owner Doug Sohn. 6:30 p.m. \$5.



**DINING DEALS THROUGH SUNDAY****A MANO**

Wed.: \$5 martinis; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$11.95 prix-fixe lunch. Includes choice of panino or pizza plus unlimited antipasti and gelato; Thu.: \$5 pizzas; Sun.: Half-price bottles of wine; 335 N. Dearborn St. 312-629-3500.

**BIG BOWL**

3-5:30 p.m. Wed.: \$3 off orange chicken entree; 3-5:30 p.m. Thu.: \$3 off kung pao chicken entree; 3-5:30 p.m. Fri.: \$3 off crunchy Sichuan scallops entree; 60 E. Ohio St. 312-951-1888.

**CAFE WHA WHO?**

Wed.: Half-price select bottles of wine, \$5 salads; Thu.: \$5 prosecco glasses, half-price pizzas; Fri.: \$6 select cocktails; 228 W. Chicago Ave. 312-475-1820.

**CHEN'S CHINESE AND SUSHI**

Wed.-Sun.: Cubs home game deal. \$3

Sapporo drafts and sake bombs; Wed.-Thu.: Half-price martinis; 4 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: Labor Day at Chen's Chinese and Sushi. Receive a \$20 gift certificate good for your next visit as part of a weeklong celebration; 3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100.

**DELEECE GRILL PUB**

Wed.: Whiskey Wednesday. \$4 Maker's Mark shots, half-price whiskey flights, \$5 pulled pork sandwiches with fries; Thu., Sun.: \$20 three-course menu; 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

**ENOTECA PIATTINI**

Wed.: Half-price glasses of wine; Thu.: \$50 prix-fixe dinner for two. Includes appetizer, entree and dessert for each person and a bottle of wine to share; 4 p.m. Sun.: Buy one entree, get one free; 934 W. Webster Ave. 773-935-8466.

**FIRESIDE RESTAURANT**

Wed.: Half-price appetizers in the lounge, \$3 domestic microbrew drafts; Wed.-Sun.: \$3.50 Sam Adams drafts; Thu.: \$4 martinis; 5739 N. Ravenswood Ave. 773-561-7433.

**FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR**

Wed.-Sun.: \$35.95 three-course dinner; Wed.-Sun.: \$6 select cocktails, glasses of wine and appetizers before 7 p.m.; 25 E. Ohio St. 312-329-9463.

**KINZIE STREET CHOPHOUSE**

Wed.-Sun.: \$20 three-course lunch and dinner menu; 3-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$2.95 and \$5 bar menus with drink purchase; 4-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: Complimentary appetizers with drink purchase in the bar and patio; 4-6 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: \$2.95 and \$5 bar menus with drink purchase; 400 N. Wells St. 312-822-0191.



**La Tache**  
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**LA TACHE**

Wed.: Half-price martinis; Thu.: \$10 burger with a beer; Fri.: \$16.95 all-you-can-eat fish fry with frites; Sat.: \$25.95-\$29.95 all-you-can-eat New England crab boil; 1475 W. Balmoral Ave. 773-334-7168.

**LAS TABLAS**

Wed.: Half-price sangria pitchers and glasses, no corkage fee; Thu.: \$5 mojitos; 2942 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-2414.

**MK**

Wed.-Thu., Sun.: 10-25 percent off wine list; Wed.-Sun.: \$45 tasting menu; Wed.: Wine on Wednesdays. \$25 for three glasses of wine and three menu tastes; 868 N. Franklin St. 312-482-9179.

**NICK'S FISHMARKET GRILL**

Wed.-Fri.: \$2-\$5 bar bites menu (4-8 p.m.), \$7 select glasses of wine and cocktails; 51 S. Clark St. Street Level. 312-621-0200.

**NOMI**

Wed.-Thu., Sun.: \$45 three-course dinner; Wed.-Sun.: \$7 select cocktails and glasses of wine; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$25-\$29 three-course lunch; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-239-4030.

**ONE SIXTYBLUE**

Wed.-Thu.: \$28 three-course dinner; Thu.: \$8 Wagyu beef hot dogs with fries or sauerkraut balls; Fri.: Play Dough Fridays. \$5 wood-fired

pizzas, \$4 prosecco and fresh-squeezed juice cocktails, \$4 craft bottles, DJ spins (6 p.m.); 1400 W. Randolph St. 312-850-0303.

**PALETTE BISTRO**

Wed.-Sun.: \$25 three-course dinner; 2834 N. Southport Ave. 773-477-2565.

**RED LIGHT**

Wed.-Thu., Sun.: \$20.09 three-course dinner; 820 W. Randolph St. 312-733-8880.

**SALUTE**

8:30 p.m. Thu.: Italian Cinema on the Patio. Watch classic Italian films while dining alfresco. This week's film: "La Strada"; 46 E. Superior St. 312-664-0100.

**TANK**

11:30 a.m. Wed.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: Half-price maki; 4514 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-769-2600.

**\*NOTE:** Some restaurants modify hours on holiday weekends. Be sure to call ahead if you're dining out this Labor Day weekend.

**UNCOMMON GROUND ON CLARK**

Wed.: \$5 sangrias; Thu.: \$5 select martinis; Sat.: \$5 mimosas; Sun.: \$5 house-infused bloody marys; 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

**UTOPIA INTERNATIONAL CARIBBEAN CUISINE**

11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wed.-Sat.: \$9 lunch; 1315 S. Wabash Ave. 312-662-1082.

**VIA CARDUCCI**

Wed.: Half-price select bottles of wine; Thu.: \$11.95 for a 10-inch pizza and a beer (4 p.m.). Domestic bottles only; 1419 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-665-1981.

**VONG'S THAI KITCHEN**

Wed.-Sun.: Three-course family meal (\$13.95 lunch, \$24.95 dinner); 2-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$4 bar bites menu (in the bar only); 6 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-8664.

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**3** The **family vibe** at new Bridgeport brunch spot **Nana** (3267 S. Halsted St.). During opening weekend, owners (and brothers) Omar and Christian Solis walked the floor, their mom greeted guests, and their sister took table orders. It easily made us forget about the 40-minute wait to get in.

**4** "It Might Get Loud." For music fans who know every guitar has a personality, this rock doc (featuring Jimmy Page, The Edge and Jack White) is a blast.

**5** The **new sandwich menu** at Michigan Avenue wine bar **Eno** (505 N. Michigan Ave.). We're still trying all eight sandwiches (\$7.50 each), but the early favorite combines smoked duck, blue cheese, cherry relish and arugula on pretzel bread. (Available 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.)

### Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness.

## WEDNESDAY DEALS

### THE 44TH WARD DINNER PARTY

\$5 Long Islands, half-price appetizers, soups and salads; 3542 N. Halsted St. 773-857-2911.

### 6 DEGREES

\$3.50 Sam Adams Boston Lager drafts, Sam Adams Light bottles and Sam Adams Summer Ale bottles; 1935 N. Damen Ave. 773-904-8812.

### BUNGALOW LOUNGE BAR

\$4 Jameson shots; 1622 W. Belmont Ave. 773-244-0400.

### CORTLAND'S GARAGE

Rib Night. \$10 half slab, \$18 full slab, \$3 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$4 import bottles; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

### COUCH BAR & GRILL

25 cent wings, \$3.50 Amstel Light bottles. Two drink minimum for food specials; 2344 W. Grand Ave. 312-942-9030.

### D.O.C. WINE BAR

7 p.m.: Ladies' Night Out. Includes complimentary manicures and massages and \$7

glasses of rose. No cover. RSVP: [info@shequechicago.com](mailto:info@shequechicago.com); 2602 N. Clark St. 312-638-9033.

### DIVISION ALE HOUSE

\$5 Jager bombs and O bombs; 1942 W. Division St. 773-384-6886.

### F. O'MAHONY'S

\$2.50 Miller Lite drafts, trivia 8:30 p.m.; 3701 N. Broadway. 773-549-0226.

### FION WINE & SPIRITS

\$3.50 craft and import bottles; 426 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-5400.

### THE FLAT IRON

\$5 for PBR and a house shot, \$5 well cocktails; 1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000.

### THE GRAND CENTRAL

\$3 sangria, Goose Island 312 drafts and Bud bottles and drafts; 950 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-832-4000.

### HIDEOUT

6 p.m.: Veggie Bingo. Raise money for community gardens while playing bingo for prizes such as locally produced honey and

hot sauce, handmade soaps and—the grand prize—a box stuffed with fresh fruits and veggies. Also includes free hot dogs and tofu dogs. \$1 per card, \$5 for six cards; 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

### J BAR

Wii Wednesdays. \$2 mini-burgers, \$3 beers, \$6 vodka cocktails. Play Wii on an 84-inch screen from 6-8 p.m.; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

### JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE

\$5 mojitos; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

### LASALLE POWER CO.

\$5 house cocktails; 500 N. La Salle St. 312-661-1122.

### LOTTIES PUB

\$2 beer cans, \$3 chicken sandwiches; 1925 W. Cortland Ave. 773-489-0738.

### LUCKY NUMBER GRILL

\$2 well drinks, \$2.50 domestic bottles, \$4 import bottles, \$1 mini-burgers, \$4 mini-burger and domestic beer combo, \$4 wings bucket, \$6 wings and domestic beer combo; 1931 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-7761.

### MARTINI PARK

\$3 domestics, \$6 select cocktails, \$7 specialty martinis; 151 W. Erie St. 312-640-0577.

### MARY'S REC ROOM

Wild Wednesday. \$3 well drinks and domestic bottles, \$5 specialty cocktails; 5402 N. Clark St. 773-784-6969.

### MINIBAR ULTRA LOUNGE AND CAFE

\$5 glasses of wine, \$1 bruschetta (5-7 p.m.) 3339-41 N. Halsted St. 773-871-6227.

### MOXIE

\$6 seafood dishes, \$10 sangria pitchers; 3517 N. Clark St. 773-935-6694.

### THE ORBIT ROOM

\$3 well cocktails, \$4 Stella Artois drafts, \$8 nachos; 2959 N. California Ave. 773-588-8540.

### THE PONY

Half-price burgers and wings, \$3 Bud bottles; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

### ROCKIT BAR & GRILL

\$15 beer pitchers, free pizza with purchase of beer pitcher; 3700 N. Clark St. 312-645-6000.

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#### THE SHRINE

9 p.m.: Listen. DJ Ron Trent and guests spin 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$5; 2109 S. Wabash Ave. 312-753-5700.

#### SIMONE'S BAR

Free basket of fries with purchase of large-format beer; 960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601.

#### SONOTHEQUE

\$5 Goose Island bottles with tequila shots, \$3 Goose Island bottles; 1444 W. Chicago Ave. 312-226-7600.

#### SULLY'S HOUSE TAP ROOM AND GRILL

Half-price cheese or single-topping pizzas, \$5 select cocktails; 1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779.

#### TUMBAO BAR & GRILL

Ladies' Night. \$3 cosmos, martinis and mixed drinks; 3213 W. Armitage Ave. 773-772-9800.

#### TWISTED SPOKE

Half-price whiskey cocktails, \$10 for a burger and beer (11 a.m.-3 p.m.); 501 N. Ogden Ave. 312-666-1500.

#### VICTORY LIQUORS

\$1 Miller Lite bottles, half-price burgers, karaoke 9 p.m.; 2610 N. Halsted St. 773-348-5600.

#### WEATHER MARK TAVERN

\$2 domestic bottles, \$6 select sandwiches and salads; 1503 S. Michigan Ave. 312-588-0230.

#### WILD GOOSE BAR & GRILL

\$3.95 22-ounce Miller Lite drafts, 50 cent chili, \$2.99 burgers and fries, \$4 Spaten pints. Beverage purchase required for food specials; 4265 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-7112.

#### WILD PUG

9 p.m.: Live Game Show. A night of comedy, improv and audience interaction features actors impersonating celebrities competing in a satire of '70s and '80s game shows. \$5; 4810 N. Broadway. 773-784-4811.

#### WISE FOOLS PUB

\$2 Miller Lite, High Life and Coors Light drafts, \$3 select drafts and well drinks, \$4 select shots, sangrias and margaritas; 2270 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-929-1300.

#### Y

DJ Jernell Geronimo spins house and hip-hop 9 p.m.-2 a.m.; \$20; 224 W. Ontario St. 312-274-1880.

#### ZELLA

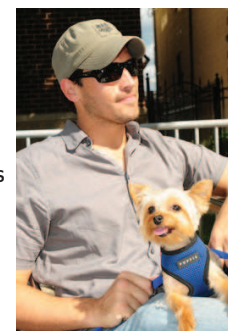
\$2.50 Miller Lite and Coors Light bottles, \$3.50 Jack Daniel's and Three Olives cocktails; 1983 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-549-2910.

**NIGHTCRAWLERS** Photos of who we've seen on the scene



## Party arty

Arts and crafts stole the show at the **Bucktown Arts Fest** in Senior Citizens Memorial Park (Lyndale Street and Oakley Avenue), where 200 vendors set up shop for throngs of onlookers. Live music, beer, and lots of food options fueled the party.



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Q: What is your favorite thing about Chicago?

A: The fact that you can go a mile in any direction and end up in a different world

Q: What's your favorite beer?

A: Miller Lite...Nothing beats a cold bottle on a hot day.

Q: What's your favorite bartending moment?

A: I really love the people watching...I saw a MAN adjusting his bra once - he didn't think anyone was watching.

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## 31st Annual Chicago Jazz Fest

**1** 11 a.m. Fri.-Sun. at  
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## The Hood Internet, Blane Fonda

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## 6th Annual Chicago All City Emcee Battle

**4** 9 p.m. Sat. at  
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## African Fest of the Arts

**5** 10 a.m. Fri.-  
Mon. at  
Washington Park  
Highlights: Booker T.  
Jones (8:45 p.m. Sat.)  
and George Clinton  
(8 p.m. Mon.).



# 'Ace' of bass

'Ace of Cakes' star  
Duff Goldman cooks up a  
lot of noise with soihadto

By Matt Pais

Glance at that picture. The guy intensely pounding the bass may not look like one of the country's most famous cake-makers.

Yet that bald-headed rocker is, in fact, Duff Goldman, star of the Food Network's "Ace of Cakes" and bassist for instrumental post-rockers soihadto. What connects the roles? Goldman says both chefs and musicians are just looking for a reaction.

"If everyone's just at the bar and talking while you're playing, that's a bummer," says Goldman, 34. "If people are yelling at you that you suck, at least that's something. You've raised them out of their apathy to at least scream at you and be like, 'Get off the stage. Make me a cake, mother[bleeper]!'"

That sort of heckling happens occasionally, he says, but Goldman tries not to be "the cake guy" when playing in the hard-hitting outfit, currently supporting "The Alaska EP" with plans to release a full-length early next year. On Thursday, soihadto performs at local label Grape Juice Records' five-year anniversary party, where Goldman will provide a giant, grape juice box-shaped cake for concertgoers.

From Baltimore's Charm City Cakes, Goldman—a former philosophy minor who loves breaking things down at length, to the point of comparing his interest in bass to "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance"—weighed in on baking and rocking.



Duff Goldman (center)  
of soihadto

**Which makes better practice:  
the Easy Bake Oven or Rock Band?**

Rock Band, gotta be. Baking with light bulbs? Come on ... I have my own cake-decorating toy coming out. It's really kind of neat. It's got frosting guns and stuff on it. ... You can really work on your rock 'n' roll moves [with Rock

Band]. You gotta learn your round-house kick as you're playing. ... Playing behind your head and stuff like that, I think that's really important too.

**But with Easy Bake Oven you can't practice rock techniques.**

Yeah, there's no rock 'n' roll moves with the Easy Bake! Unless you set it on fire. That's pretty rock 'n' roll.

**How often does that happen?**

The whole reason I have a TV show now is I was arc-welding on stage at a cake-decorating competition and I set the table on fire by accident. True story.

**How would you describe your band's sound in five words or less?**

Are you calling me loquacious?  
[Laughs]

**No, I ask that to everyone. It's not personal.**

You know, I just had to do this thing called "Six-Word Memoirs," and it was really difficult. Now I gotta do a five-word sum-up of a group of very complex musicians. [Minute-long pause] Let's call it Hyperbolic Beauty in Aural Form.

**You were in Chicago recently after driving from Baltimore to deliver a**

**cake. Be honest: How often did you stop on the way to take a bite?**

Usually when we do a big event like that we have extra cake. So what I did was I kept one of the [extra] cakes pretty close. I basically told myself that every time I hit the brakes it would slide a little bit closer to the front seat. So I tapped the brakes, it'd slide a couple inches ... [and] right around Columbus, Ohio, it was definitely within finger-lickin' range. I opened up the top and started snackin'.

**Having cake in the car must be so tempting.**

It is and it isn't. I mean, we're surrounded by cake all the time. It's like I'd rather bring a jar of pickles with me or something. Everything in the bakery's so sweet; it's like, "Let's have something salty. Let's have some olives or potato chips or just something that's not sugar and butter."



## NEW RELEASES BY MATT PAIS



### Chevelle

“Sci-Fi Crimes”  
(Epic)

**The buzz:** Epitomizing Modern Rock Radio, multi-platinum Chicagoans Chevelle have scored six Top 5 Modern Rock hits since forming in 1995. “Sci-Fi Crimes” is the fifth album from the hard-rock trio, comprising singer/guitarist Pete Loeffler, his brother, drummer Sam Loeffler, and brother-in-law bassist Dean Bernardini.

**The verdict:** Not recommended for fans of smooth peanut butter. “Sci-Fi Crimes” is all crunchy, with guitars that sound like

chainsaws being charged and singer Pete Loeffler bellowing like Maynard James Keenan woke up full of energy. This isn’t the timeliest music; practically every thick, chugging hard-rock tune sounds about a decade old. But there are plenty of dumber ways to get riled up for a football game than the explosive “Sleep Apnea” or the muscular “Jars.”

**Did you know?** Apparently the album title isn’t completely random. Pete Loeffler describes adventures with “this really off-the-wall character, who was driving us around, who believes so whole-heartedly in aliens and UFOs that the subject just really piqued my interest.”

### You have an image as a rock ‘n’ roll cake-maker. Are you perceived differently in the music industry because you’re a baker?

There’s so many cooks that are also musicians. I don’t think that the music industry would see it as weird that there’s a cook in a band. I think they might see it as weird that there’s a guy on Food Network in a band.

### Who else in the culinary world is an awesome musician?

Tom Colicchio. Incredible guitar player. Really, really, really good. There’s a guy named Brent Knoechel. He is the executive chef of the WPGA tour. He is a badass drummer. One of the most badass

drummers I’ve ever heard.

### What type of cake will you just not do at Charm City Cakes?

It’s kind of like a cake-by-cake basis. For a while there were people asking for baby showers cakes [and wanting] an actual baby. It’s like, “Well, you gotta cut that up and eat it.” And we had to explain that to them. And they’re like, “Oh, yeah, I guess you’re right. That’s gross.” So we don’t do cakes of babies or ... cakes of the human form. Except we are doing a bust of Lionel Richie for a customer.

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12:15 p.m. Free. Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington St. 312-744-6630.

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**PATTI AUSTIN, RAMSEY LEWIS TRIO**  
7 p.m. \$15-\$55. Ravinia Festival, 200-231 Ravinia Park Rd., Highland Park. 847-266-5100.

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**Bernard Fowler**, Friday, Oct. 23 (\$12, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Halfway North, Band Called Catch, Moses Cleveland**, Tuesday, Oct. 6 (\$7, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Three Bad Jacks, Hot Rod Hucksters**, Friday, Oct. 16 (\$10, 21+) at Martyrs'.

**Tributosaurus**, Wednesday, Oct. 7 (\$15, 21+) at Martyrs'.

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**Heavy Trash**, Sunday, Nov. 15 (\$15, 21+) at Schubas.

**The Old Ceremony**, Monday, Nov. 16 (\$8, 21+) at Schubas.

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**Brian Heath**, Wednesday, Nov. 25 (\$10-\$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**The Fold, Danger is My Middle Name, Dear Noel, The Fireship, Valaska**, Friday, Oct. 2 (\$11, all ages) at Metro.

**Michael and Michael Have Issues Live (Michael Ian Black and Michael Showalter)**, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (\$25, 18+) at Metro.

**Simian Mobile Disco, JDH and Dave P, Mister Joshua, One Fifty One, Ross Kelly, Scott Brandon, SR-71**, Wednesday, Nov. 4 (\$5-\$23, 21+) at Smart Bar.

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**The B Foundation, Little District, E3PO**, Tuesday, Nov. 10 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

**DJ T, Dino G, Popstatic**, Friday, Oct. 30 (free-\$12, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**Gene Farris, Diz, Lego, Frique, Brian Heath**, Wednesday, Nov. 11 (free-\$5, 21+) at Smart Bar.

**Five For Fighting**, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$30, all ages) at Lakeshore Theatre.

**Fu Manchu, Asg, It's Casual**, Saturday, Oct. 31 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.



The Postmarks

**Halloween Bash**, Friday, Oct. 30 (\$12, 21+) at Double Door.

**Kittie, Soil, Arkaea, Straight Line Stich**, Thursday, Oct. 22 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**Lez Zeppelin**, Saturday, Dec. 5 (\$20, 21+) at Double Door.

**Bobby Long**, Tuesday, Dec. 15 (\$15, 21+) at Double Door.

**The Postmarks, Brookville**, Tuesday, Oct. 13 (\$10, 21+) at Double Door.

**Shout Out Out Out Out, Clique Talk**, Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at Double Door.

**Truman and His Trophy**, Friday, Sept. 18 (\$9, all ages) at Metro.

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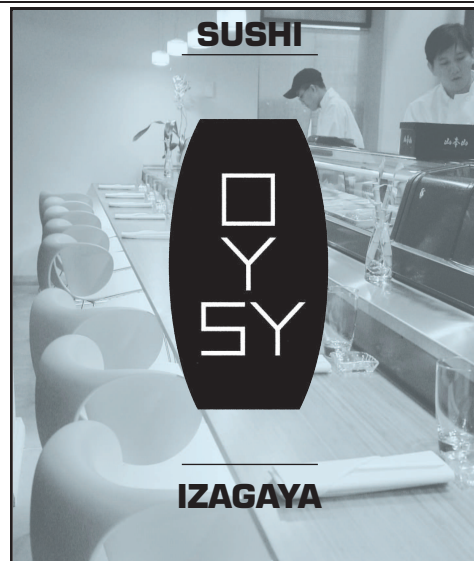
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## Can music video games stop the industry's slump?

### Associated Press

With a little help from the Beatles, Super Mario and price cuts from Sony and Microsoft, the slumping video game industry is hoping for a sales resurrection this fall.

The season got a late-summer start Tuesday, with the release of "Guitar Hero 5," a game featuring music from the Rolling Stones, Nirvana and other popular bands. Then on Sept. 9 comes the launch of "The Beatles: Rock Band," which marks the rock icons' debut in a video game.

Plagued by the recession and a lackluster game release schedule for much of this year, the video game industry has fallen into a slump. It has been the first one since the latest game consoles—the Xbox 360, the Wii and the PlayStation 3—were launched in 2005 and 2006.

The music genre—the second-most-popular video game category behind action games—has suffered in particular, though that's partly because it's been so popular in the past couple of years that it needs exceptional sales just to stay even. According to the NPD Group, U.S.

retail sales in the music and dance game genre were nearly \$390 million less at the end of July than at the same time last year.

The industry hopes The Beatles can end that slump. But while John Lennon may have once boasted The Beatles were more popular than Jesus, time will tell whether today's video game fans feel that way. The "Rock Band" game will cost \$60, which is typical for a big release, but a \$250 version comes with "limited edition" instruments resembling the ones the Fab Four used.

Henrique Santos, a 22-year-old student from Brazil, tried a demo of the Beatles game on Monday at a GameStop store near San Francisco's Union Square. He said it was challenging and probably will be a hit.

"They're definitely not my favorite band," he said. "But for a game, The Beatles are the best party band, because everybody likes them."

Video game industry analysts are cautiously optimistic that the Beatles will help the industry end 2009 on a higher note than it began. Joining the "Rock Band" game are blockbusters like Nintendo's upcoming remake of the classic

'The Beatles: Rock Band'  
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"Super Mario Bros." for the Wii and Activision Blizzard's "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2."

It doesn't hurt that two of the three console makers announced hefty price cuts in recent days. Almost a week ago Microsoft said it is slashing the price of the high-end Xbox 360, the Elite, by \$100 to \$299. A few days earlier, Sony rolled back the price of the PlayStation 3 by \$100. That leaves just Nintendo, whose Wii has cost \$250 since its launch. Analysts expect

the company to bring down the price of the Wii, though it might do that by keeping the base price level and including more free games with it.

One hurdle for the industry: Several game publishers have delayed big launches meant for the holidays. "BioShock 2" from Take-Two Interactive Software, "Splinter Cell: Conviction" from Ubisoft and "StarCraft II" from Activision have been pushed out to 2010.



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# Wine classes: I'll drink to that

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You can enhance your wine drinking pleasure by taking an introductory wine class to learn the basics. A professional wine instructor can give you an overview of grape varieties and regions, teach you how to taste wine properly and offer tips on purchasing wines at restaurants and retail stores. They also can teach you how to pair selections with the right types of food. Plus, wine classes can be a great way to share and build your passion for wine with a friend or significant other.

There are many types of wine courses that you can take—from one-day tutorials to multi-week classes—but there are two important factors to keep in mind when you do.

First, make sure you like the instructor. There is no perfect way to teach wine. Some instructors take a more technical and scientific angle while others make wine more fun and casual. If at all possible, speak with the instructor in advance to determine if you are going to enjoy his or her teaching style and personality.

Second, know the type of class you want to take. Courses are often designed to appeal to students at varying levels of knowledge. Some are more advanced than others. It's a good idea to inquire about the curriculum to make sure the covered subject matters will be at your level of interest. If you are just starting out, take a basics class that covers how wine is made, how to taste and pair wine and what the differences are between popular varietals. From there you can advance into specific regions and countries.

Here are my recommendations for Chicago-area wine classes. The best part about all of them? You can say you drank your homework.

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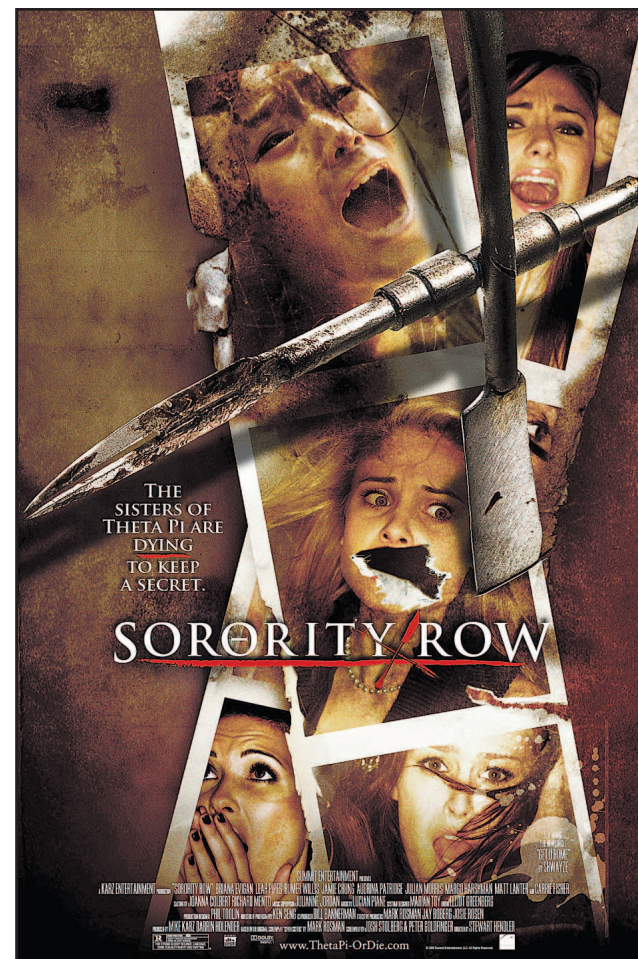
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## the Paula Show?

Paula Abdul has cut ties with “Idol,” but she might not be through with TV yet (hooray!). Everyone’s favorite ditz recently told TV Guide, “I definitely want to do a talk show because it would be different. ... It would be a lot of fun variety with a ton of unexpected stuff.” You got that right, Paula. We’ve always thought that “Idol” could have done with a little less singing and a little more of your kooky antics. A whole hour showcasing you, squeezed in between Ellen and Tyra, sounds good to us. In fact, it sounds SO good that we’ve taken the liberty of drafting some of your regular segments.

**By Ariel  
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### SLAMMING SIMON

Archery, anyone? On “Idol,” Paula was always good for slinging a zinger toward fellow judge Simon Cowell. (“I welcome him like I welcome cold sores,” she once awesomely said.) On her talk show, though, she could fling zingers—and arrows!—toward a bull’s-eye with Simon’s face on it.



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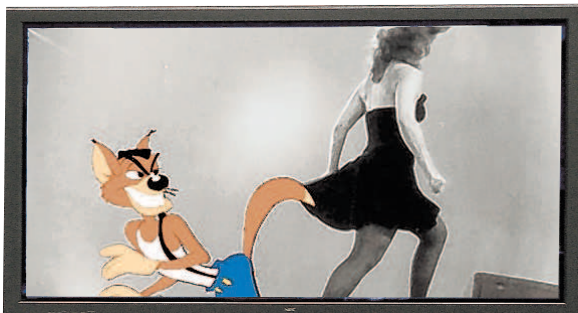
Alternately, Paula should take some time to lavishly praise people she really likes. She infamously told David Archuleta, “I want to just squish you, squeeze your head off and dangle you from my rearview mirror.” The public demands more of this word vomit.

### SQUASH THE RUMOR MILL

Poor Paula has been the target of tons of tabloid rumors, from alcohol and prescription drug abuse to getting too friendly with “Idol” contestants. But this will be her show, doggone it, and she can set aside time to set the record straight, kind of like trippier Jerry Springer “Final Thought.”

### PRANK A BRAT PACKER

Paula, don’t forget, was hitched to “The Breakfast Club” star Emilio Estevez for two glorious years in the early ‘90s. Their marriage might be water under the bridge, but Paula could use her show to publicly prank call her ex and his friends. Anthony Michael Hall, watch out—your refrigerator is running!



### GROOVIN’ WITH MC SKAT KAT

Like Conan O’Brien brought back Andy Richter, Paula needs to draft her old “Opposites Attract” colleague MC Skat Kat to her next project (her house DJ, perhaps?).



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## FOB COMICS



Pete Wentz is getting into the comics game. The Fall Out Boy's new comic book series, "Fall Out Toy Works," debuts Wednesday, USA Today reports.

"The underlying theme of the story looks at human beings' most essential question: Can you create artificial love?" Wentz tells the paper.

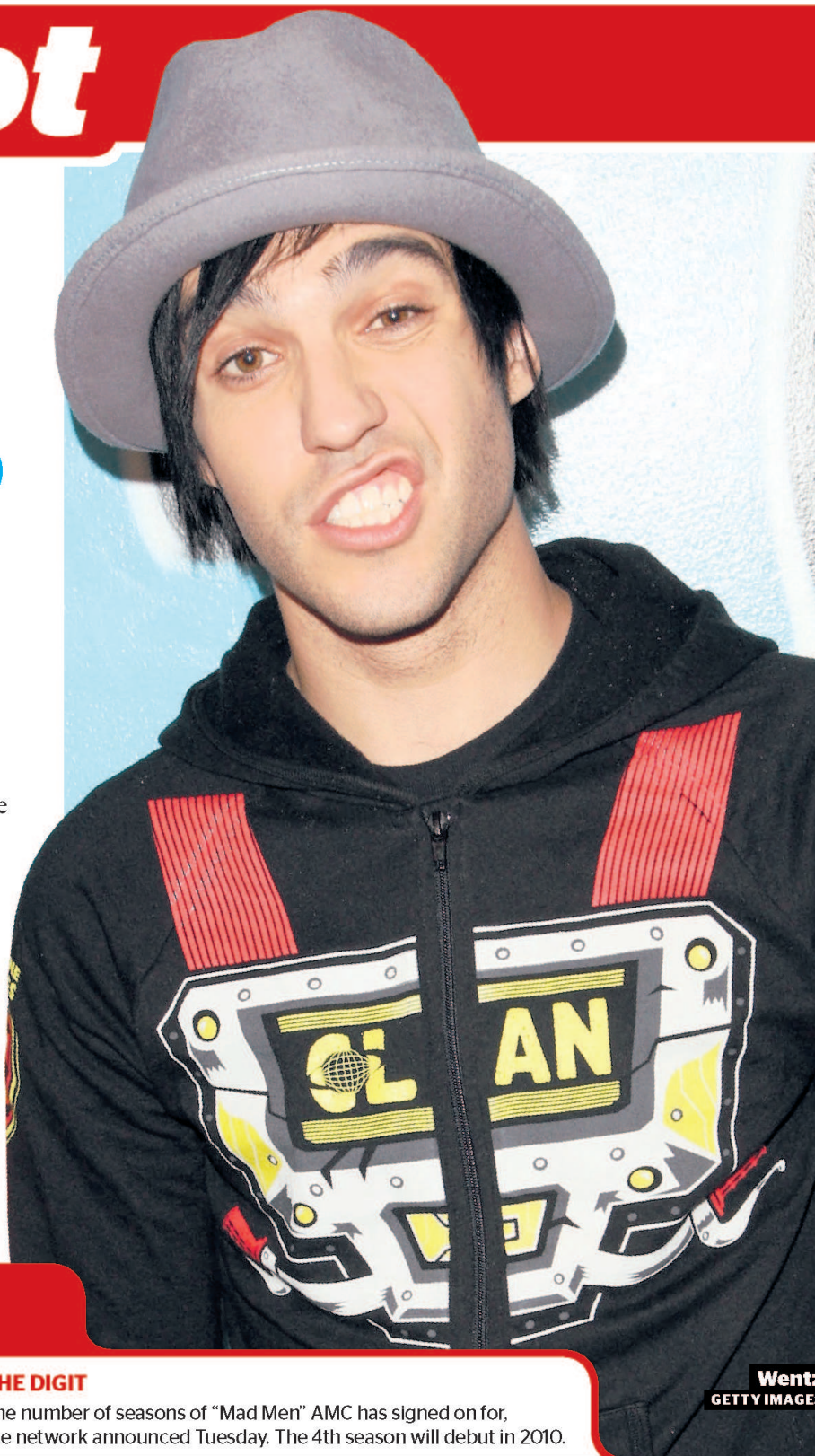
"It explores the dimensions of what love really is. Can it be designed in you? Can a robot fall in love?" The story is loosely based on the band's song, "Tiffany Blews."



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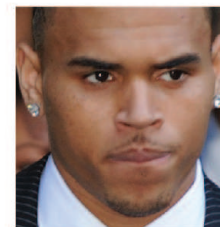
### THE DIGIT

The number of seasons of "Mad Men" AMC has signed on for, the network announced Tuesday. The 4th season will debut in 2010.



Wentz  
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### THE VELVET ROPE



### Chris Brown: I remember

Chris Brown said "of course" he remembers beating then-girlfriend Rihanna and claimed in an interview segment in which he suggests otherwise was

misleading. In a statement released late Monday night, Brown said the clip "was taken from a one-hour interview during which that same question was asked something like four or five times—and when you look at the entire interview you will see it is not representative of what I said," Us Weekly magazine reports.



### Kim Kardashian: Editor?

Kim Kardashian has been tapped as booty—err, beauty—editor by OK! magazine, the mag announced Tuesday. Kardashian's

role as contributing beauty editor begins this month at New York Fashion Week. She will provide tips and information about her favorite products, the mag reports.

### 'Sex' back on the set

Spotted: Carrie Bradshaw in New York City, wearing Christian Louboutin stilettos. She and Mr. Big (or should we say, John Preston?) were in Manhattan on Tuesday filming the sequel to "Sex and the City." The movie, which stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Chris Noth and the rest of the "SATC" cast, is set to release in summer 2010.



### Get ready for the 'Beaterator'

Timbaland is officially a RockStar. The legendary beat master has teamed up with RockStar games to create the new music

application called "Beaterator," reports **billboard.com**. Using a Sony PSP, users will be able create and record new songs using Timbaland-approved beats and music. Sweet!

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